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Easterling, Deborah

From: Easterling, Deborah
Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2011 12:15 PM
To: 'C. Lamar Uptagrafft'
Subject: RE: Duke Power rate increase protest!

Dear Mr. Uptagrafft,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email to the Public Service Commission. I am forwarding your email and Letter of Protest to our Clerk's Office for processing. Your email and Letter of Protest will become a part of Docket No. 2011-271-E and will be posted on our website under this docket.

Please let me know if you should require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Deborah Easterling
Administrative Assistant

From: C. Lamar Uptagrafft [<mailto:cyupta40@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2011 12:11 PM
To: Contact
Subject: Duke Power rate increase protest!

Letter of protest attached!

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* Required Fields

Date: * September 01, 2011

Letter of Protest
in Docket * 2011 - 271 - E

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Email

Protestant Information:

Name * Cyril Lamar Uptagrafft

Mailing Address * 804 Palomino Court

City, State Zip * Simpsonville, SC 29681 Phone * (864) 360-2348

E-mail cyupta40@hotmail.com

1. What is your connection or interest in this case? * For example, are you a customer of the Company that is the subject of this pending proceeding? (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

I am a long time customer of Duke Power.

2. Please give a concise statement of your protest. * (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

Upstate residents living on fixed incomes and others whose retirement and savings nest eggs dwindled during this economic downturn are already stretching to make ends meet. Unlike older South Carolinians who are struggling, Duke just recently posted more than \$400 million in second quarter profits.

Now is not the time for a double-digit increase in residential utility rates!

If the PSC were to approve Duke Power's current request, it would translate into an average monthly increase of \$15 per customer or \$180 per year.

Please look after the interest of the citizens of South Carolina and reject this unjustified increase.

Thanks,
C. Lamar Uptagrafft

3. Do you wish to make an appearance at a hearing in this proceeding , if scheduled, and offer sworn testimony? *
(This section should be completed.)

I have nothing more to say except enough is enough. Like the government, Duke Power needs to live within it's means and not continue asking for rate increases every time it feels like it can get approval for an increase. Like the government, it needs to find ways to cut waste; not just increase revenue!